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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION TO CANADA OF U.S. SATELLITE ENGAGEMENT

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¶1. (C) Ambassador orally briefed Foreign and Defence Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister Susan Cartwright about the U.S. interception of the NRO satellite on February 20. Cartwright expressed concern about the possibility of debris landing in populated Canadian areas, and Ambassador reassured her that the USG would keep Canada fully informed and would cooperate closely with Canada in that eventuality.

¶2. (C) Embassy followed up on February 21 by providing reftel written notification to the chiefs of staff at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Department of Public Safety, as well as the Privy Council Office, reiterating our pledge to keep Canada fully informed as more details become available.

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